Many facilities have census populations that are not dynamic, even from week-to-week. For those hospitals, we often get questions about providing continuing updates, even when their census is the same as the last update provided.

The reason we ask for a new update is to avoid any confusion about whether or not a facility has provided current information. Our leadership regularly asks for compliance data when we request bed polls. Since this incident may extend for a time, we are asking all facilities to furnish current data weekly.

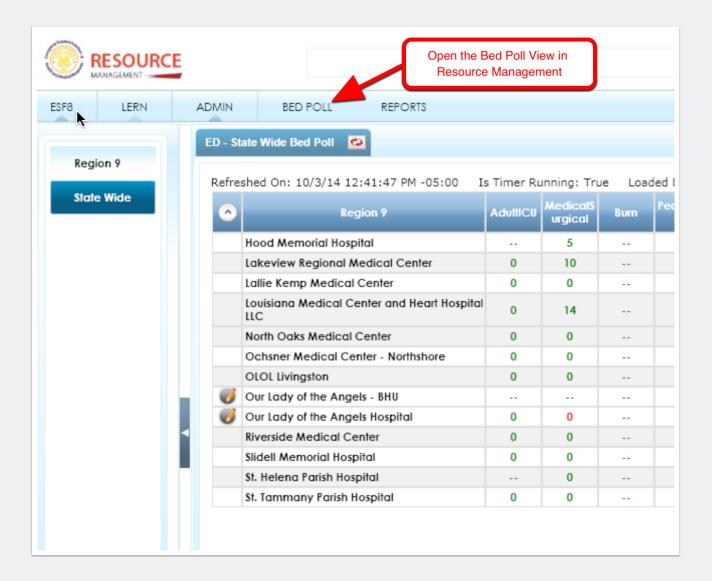
Now if your census is unchanged from the week prior, there are two easy methods to add a current date and time stamp to your data so that leadership can see that you are reviewing your data.

## **Method 1: Using Resource Management**

Many hospitals provide bed poll data to ESF 8 through the Resource Management Bed Poll function. If this is your preferred method, complete the following steps to certify your data each week.

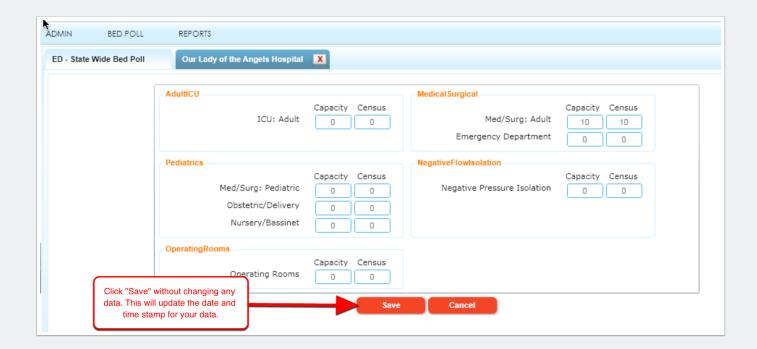
#### 1. Open the Bed Poll View for Your Facility

After logging into the ESF 8 Portal, open the Bed Poll view for your facility. We will use Our Lady of the Angels in Bogalusa as an example (in our QA system - this won't affect the hospital's real data).



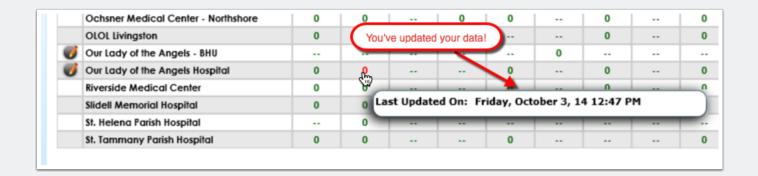
### 2. Open Your Bed Poll Details

Click on the pencil icon to the left of your hospital's name to reveal your entire bed list. Navigate to the bottom of the page and click "Save".



### 3. Verify Your Data

After clicking "Save" on the bed poll view, hover over one of your census numbers to see that the "Last Updated Date and Time" is accurate.

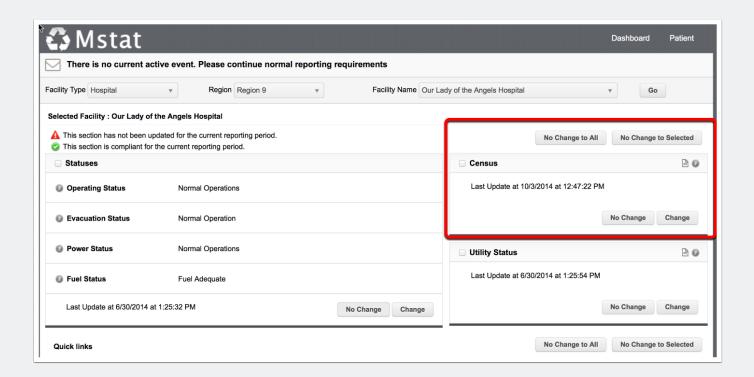


## **Method 2: Using Mstat**

If you are familiar with providing a bed poll, using Mstat, the process is even easier.

### 1. Open Mstat

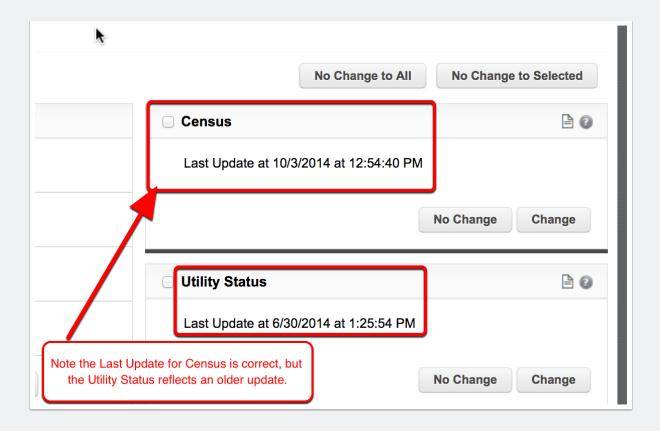
When you open Mstat, you will see the various statuses for your facility, including census. If you are associated to more than one facility, navigate to the top of the page to choose which facility you want to update.



### 2. Click "No Change to All" or Click "No Change" in the Census box.

Either method works to give you a current "Last Update" date and time. The "No Change to All" gives the same date/time to all of the status areas whereas the "No Change" in Census will update that section only. It is your choice.

In this example, we will click "No Change" in the Census section.



## **Summary**

There are two main methods to show that you have reviewed your census data every week. The Resource Management option takes a few more steps, but use it if your staff

are accustomed to providing bed polls this. If you are familiar with Mstat, the update process is shorter.

If you need assistance with any ESF 8 Portal issue, you can start by calling the LERN Communications Center at 1-866-320-8293. You can send an email to <a href="mailto:esf8help@la.gov">esf8help@la.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:henry.yennie@la.gov">henry.yennie@la.gov</a>. We will respond as soon as possible